

"STANDLAKE PLAYERS" CONSTITUTION

Dated: 3rd October 2007

1. Name

The Society shall be called THE STANDLAKE PLAYERS, herein after known as the Society.

2. Objects

The objects of the Society shall be to further the dramatic arts, and to interest the local community in the appreciation of these arts by the performance of plays and similar entertainments, also to encourage others to participate in the said arts and objectives.

3. Membership

Membership shall be open to all who are interested in the objects of the Society

4. Management

The Society shall be managed by an elected committee, comprising a chairman, secretary, treasurer, and not less than 3 other persons. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. The committee shall normally be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. The committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two other persons on to the committee for the remainder of a year of office. In addition, in the event of a committee member having to retire, the committee can co-opt a replacement for the remainder of a year of office i.e. until the next AGM.

5. AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in October, to receive a report from the chairman, from the secretary, and to receive audited accounts from the treasurer. The meeting shall also elect the new committee for the following year, and discuss any business of the Society. Only paid up members of the Society shall be entitled to vote at the meeting. Members of the Society shall be given at least 2 weeks notice of the meeting.

6. EGM

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time during the year by not less than 10 registered members of the Society signing a written request to the secretary. Such a meeting must be called within 1 calendar month of receipt of such a request. The other members of the Society must be given two weeks notice of the meeting.

7. Finances

The committee shall manage the finances of the Society and report the accounts to the membership at each AGM or an EGM called for that purpose. The accounts shall be audited by an independent person before being presented to the AGM for acceptance by the Society. The annual subscription to the Society shall be set at the AGM and shall be due by the 1st day of November. The treasurer shall be authorised to pay monies into a bank cheque account. The signatures of 2 officers (committee members) shall be required on all cheques drawn on the Society's account.

8. Documents and Properties

All documents and properties owned by, or in the possession of, the Society, shall be the responsibility of the committee for safe keeping. Members of the Society shall, on request, have access to any of the said documents or properties.

9. Dissolution

The Society shall not be wound up except by resolution of an AGM or EGM, passed by at least two thirds of the membership present at such a meeting. In the event of dissolution, the balance of funds shall be used for (in order of priority):

- a) repayment of all debts
- b) repayment of all or part of 1 years subscription
- c) distribution to charity or charities nominated by simple majority of the meeting.